GENERAL NEWS OF THE CITY

THE JOHN FRAWNER TRIAL BEGUN

FAILURE TO EMPANEL A JURY

WORK IN THE EAST CAPITOL PARK

REPORT OF MR. FRED. LAW OLMSTEAD

Proceedings in the Courts—Convocation of the Protestant Episcopal Church—United Order of Chaldeans—Permits to Wed—Proposed Reception to Congress — Miscellaneous Paragraphs of Local Interest.

Weather probabilities, estimated at 1 a. m.—For the Middle States rising barometer, west to north winds, colder, partly cloudy weather, and in northern New York light snow.

Thermometric readings taken November 15, 1875, at the Signal Office: 7 a. m., 44°; 7:35 a. m. 43°; 12 m., 51°; 2 p. m., 55°; 4:35 p. m., 56°; 9 p. m., 48°; 11 p. m., 44°. Maximum, 57°; minimum, 41°.

Oxygenized air for Catarrh, at 619 F street.

See rich patterns of Paperhangings in Mark-Fiter's window.

Gassoway Lodge, No. 11, Samaritans, last evening held a grand levee at Island hall.

Ladies' dress furs, of every description, at Stinemetz's, 1237 Pennsylvania avenue.

Sherman & Grant, bankers—highest price paid for 5-65 bonds and auditor's certificates.

Highest price paid for left-off clothing, boots, shoes, &c., at Herzog's, 917 D street northwest.

Ladies in search of seal sacques will find all grades at Stinemetz's, 1237 Pennsylvania avenue.

The ladies of the new Episcopal parish of St. James are raising funds to purchase an organ for the church.

Six per cent. paid on deposits, payable on demand. Special rates on time deposits. J. H. Squire & Co., bankers.

H. D. Cooke, jr., & Co., F street, near the Treasury, do a general banking business and buy and sell District securities &c.

Aladdin Security Oil is safe under all circumstances. It will burn in all kerosene or coal oil lamps. Ask for it, and take no other.

Messrs. Reiff & Sheffield opened their new place of business, which is known as the White House, on High, near Bridge street, Georgetown, yesterday. They were the recipients of many calls from their numerous friends during the day and evening.

James H. Beverly, charged with grand larceny of some books from the Christian church, on Vermont avenue, was brought before Judge Snell yesterday and the case continued until to-day. Defendant was committed for his appearance in default.

Everybody in want of Welton, Brussels, three ply or ingrain carpets should examine the numerous new and choice patterns from W. and J. Sloane's, Broadway, New York, on exhibition at J. W. McKnight & Co.'s, No. 1427 Pennsylvania avenue.

A colored boy named Bowen was found in an insensible condition on Washington street, near Simms' saw mill, with various injuries about his body, which it is supposed he received from the kicks of a mule which he had been driving. He was removed to the general hospital.

The Poole brothers, who took the little acrobat, Zanlo, from Mr. Gatchel's house, were apprehended in Baltimore yesterday evening and brought to this city by Detectives Miller and McDevitt. Zanlo was given again into the charge of Mr. Gatchel, and the two older brothers released.

A colored girl about sixteen years old, named Frances Mathews, alias Carter, hired herself to a Mrs. Hall, on Second street, and the first opportunity she got she picked up about fifteen dollars' worth of linen and fled off with it. Officer Roderick recovered it and arrested the thief at a house in South Washington.

As Mr. John Sinclair, sr., was about to leave a street-car at Twentieth street, the horses started, causing him to fall heavily to the ground, breaking two of his ribs. He was taken to his home on Twentieth street near Pennsylvania avenue. Mr. Sinclair is advanced in years, and it is feared that this accident may permanently disable him.

The schooner Herschel, Captain Chambers, from Waretown, N. J., loaded with coal for Mayfield & Hleston, Georgetown, arrived at Eleventh-street wharf with two of her masts gone, having encountered heavy seas off Cape Henlopen last Monday. Peter Smith, a deck hand, had one of his legs broken during the rolling of the vessel.

Permits to build have been issued to Josph's S. Boss, to erect three brick buildings, one story in height, for stores, on Ninth street, between M and N streets northwest; $700. Robert Portner, to erect a two-story brick building on Virginia avenue, between Sixth and Seventh streets southwest, to be used as an ale and beer depot; $6,000.

While a little boy named Willie Martin was attempting to get off from the platform of an F-street car, a portion of his clothing was caught in a projecting nail or bolt, and he was dragged a considerable distance over the concrete pavement on First street before he was released. His face was badly scratched and his body bruised, but he was not otherwise injured.

The new station-house for the Sixth precinct, in the old Shiloh church, on Massachusetts avenue, is nearly ready for occupancy. The new station will be a great improvement upon the old one. It has already been dubbed the "Shiloh station." One new feature in the stations which are now being fitted up under the supervision of Mr. Flowman is the cast-iron bench or shelf, which is built solidly in the wall. It is a sort of bunk, being slightly concave, so as to keep one from rolling off.

During some excavations lately made at Merida, in the province of Estremadura, a stone was discovered bearing the following inscription: "Bracarivs Felex Vixitan Nos LLL. Reces Sitno nas April Es Era CCCCXVIIII," which, translated into English, means: "The talkative Felix lived fifty years, and died on the 5th of April of the year 419."—*Levant Herald, Oct. 20.*

If a tailor comes to light and immortality after lying in the ground 1,456 years, it is in proof whatever his sins may have been, he did not deal in "shoddy."

Singing Birds.

Thos. Dowling, auctioneer, is just receiving from the importer a splendid collection of singing canaries and fancy birds, which he is selling at private sale. Parties wanting a first-class singer should call early, so as make a good selection.

Guardian Sale of Valuable Property.

Jos. F. Kelley, auctioneer, will, at 4 o'clock this afternoon, sell at public auction, for James McSherry, guardian, valuable real estate fronting on Eighteenth street, between I and K streets northwest, improved by five small brick dwellings.

Marriage Licenses.

The following licenses have been issued: Chas. A. Frey and Hester Dandee; Charles N. Travis and Cornelia Van Storey; James P. Watkins and Menia Greentree, both of Richmond; John H. Garnett and Martha Swann; Charles Ridgley and Maria Diggs; Dennis Fry and Emma Sparks; Andrew Over and Sallie C. McBanister; Thos. J. Conway and Kate E. Nalley; Thomas V. Smith and Lucy H. Reeves.

Steamboat Changes.

After a series of interviews between the proprietors of the steamer Pilot Boy and the officers of the Inland and Seacoast Navigation Company, it was yesterday agreed that the Pilot Boy should be withdrawn from her route on the Lower Potomac, into the place of the John W. Thompson alone on the route. The Pilot Boy will be at once sent to Philadelphia, to run between that city and Salem.

Proposed Improvement.

Mr. Robert Portner, the brewer of Alexandria, Va., has received a permit for the erection of a large building on Virginia avenue, between Sixth and Seventh streets southeast. The building will be of brick, two stories high, 60 feet in width by 60 feet in depth, and having cellars running its entire length. It is to be used as a depot for the storage of ale and beer, and will have railroad tracks connecting with the Baltimore and Potomac railroad and extending right into the building.

Shooting in Virginia.

Last night a party of gentlemen, consisting of Messrs. Frank Rives, W. H. Burnette, William O'Neal, L. P. Seibold and Edw. Goodrich, arrived in the city after a week's sport. They were the guests of Mr. Rives, at his estate on Maddox creek, and the result of their labors summed up two hundred partridges, two wild geese, one swan, twenty pairs of ducks, and a quantity of rabbits. One night of the week was devoted to a coon hunt, the result of which was two 'possums and one coon. Before the season is over they will probably try their luck again.

Brightwood Races.

This afternoon there will be a most interesting match-race at Brightwood Park, in which several well-known animals will participate. The horses named are: Honest John, Daylight, Prince and Bob Hayes. The animals are evenly matched, and the contest cannot fail to be both exciting and interesting. Additional interest in the match is evinced by the Washington people from the fact that it will be the last appearance of the veteran Honest John on the turf in this city, he having been sold to Mr. Payne, of New York, where he will be sent immediately after the race.

The Fire Commissioners.

The Board of Fire Commissioners held a special meeting at the Columbia building last evening for the purpose of completing their annual report. The new commissioner, Gen. P. F. Bacon, attended the meeting of the board for the first time. There were present of the others Commissioners Morgan, (president,) Reed, (secretary,) Tait, Hume and Thompson. Chief Engineer Croste and Assistant Chief Engineer Drew were also in attendance.

The reports of Chief Engineer Croste and of H. R. Miles, superintendent of the fire telegraph, were read, and the general report of the board so far as prepared. It was decided to postpone the consideration of the report until the regular meeting, as some slight revisions are to be made, and its contents will not be made public before that time.

$25 Suits to Order.

EISEMAN BROS., Tailors and Clothiers, Corner Seventh and E streets.

Matinee Dansante.

Professor Valentine's Academy, Talimadge hall, Thanksgiving, from 3 to 5 p. m. Cards to be had Wednesday evening at the hall, or of scholars.

REPUBLICAN ASSOCIATIONS.

Resolutions Adopted by the Pennsylvanians—The Maryland Association.

The Pennsylvania Republican Association held a meeting at Clarke's hall last evening; the president, Mr. James L. Power, occupied the chair, and D. D. Johnson acted as secretary.

The campaign committee reported that $2,000 had been collected and distributed for campaign purposes during the recent elections. Mr. H. A. Cohenzie reported that $1,300 had been collected in the Treasury Department alone, and that thirty-three voters had been furnished transportation.

The following gentleman were appointed a committee to extend the courtesies of the association to an excursion from Adams and York counties, Pennsylvania, expected on the 9th proximo: Messrs. Paul Herth, D. W. Barets, R. R. Kinne, T. L. Caithoart, W. H. Turner, A. A. Shissler, H. B. Danner, R. J. Crawford, L. Harrison.

After the transaction of other routine business the following resolutions, presented by Captain Lancetch, Johnston, were unanimously adopted:

Whereas the Republican party of Pennsylvania has achieved another triumphant victory in the re-election of Governor Hartranft to the office which he filled with such signal ability for the last three years, as well as in the election of Henry Rowle to the highly responsible office of State treasurer; and whereas the financial and educational interests of the country entered largely into the campaign; therefore

Resolved, That this association tenders its congratulations to the Commonwealth, the party and the said officers elect. The one is not more honored than the other. General Hartranft has been weighed in the balance and found not wanting. His administration of civil affairs has been such as to call forth the commendations of friend and foes, adding new lustre to his achievements as a gallant and patriotic soldier, and proclaiming him the man upon whom the people can rely in any emergency, whether in peace or in war.

Resolved, That we have an abiding faith in the honesty, integrity and capability of our new State treasurer, and that he will exert his entire energies in building up a financial system which shall bring increased credit to the State, reduce her debt and at the same time not impoverish or oppress the citizen by undue taxation.

Resolved, That the great question of national finance is safest in the hands of the Republican party, and we can look to it with confidence for the ultimate and effectual restoration of national credit and the furtherance of private business relations among the people; that the return to a specie basis has been demanded by the people of the country in the recent elections by no uncertain sound, and it behooves Congress so to legislate that this desirable end may be reached as soon as practicable, without serious detriment or disorder to trade and commerce at home and with the nations of the world.

Resolved, That the free-school system is an essential element in the elevation and prosperity of our nation, and we regard all attempts to defeat its ends and aims as coming from those who are inimical to the best interests of the people; that we are unalterably opposed to the diversion of the public school fund for the adducement of any sectarian interest whatever, and that free churches, free speech and free schools shall descend as priceless heritages to the generations yet to come.

Resolved, That the thanks of this association are hereby tendered to the President of the United States for the appointment of the Honorable Zachariah Chandler to the high and responsible position of Secretary of the Interior. Mr. Chandler has been the very indomitable "old war-horse" in many a battle, and, headed by the supremacy of Republican principles, and we are assured that he will render effective service hereafter, both in the proper fulfilment of his duties as an officer of the Government and in the upholding and strengthening of the Republican party. His recent appointments of clerks immediately connected with his office are an earnest of his adherence to the old doctrine, not more honored in its breach than its observance, "to the victors belong the spoils."

On motion of Mr. Kinne, it was ordered that copies of these resolutions be furnished the President, the governor and secretary elect of Pennsylvania, Mr. Chandler and the press.

The association then adjourned.

THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION.

At the annual meeting of the Maryland Republican Association, held at Clark's hall last evening the following gentlemen were elected as officers for the ensuing year: Thomas D. Bond, Interior Department, president; R. S. Whittaker, Treasury Department, first vice president; Shinn Brashear, Patent Office, second vice president; Jno. C. Farquhar, Treasury Department, recording secretary; G. W. C. Rohrer, city, corresponding secretary; Colonel Wm. Gibson, city, treasurer; Captain John Robinson, city, sergeant-at-arms. After exchanging congratulations over the Republican victories in the several counties of Maryland during the late campaign, and passing a vote of thanks to retiring officers, the association adjourned.

THE CASE OF JOHN FRAWNER.

The Empanneling of a Jury in a Murder Case in the Criminal Court Yesterday.

In the Criminal Court yesterday, after the disposal of several cases of burglary, larceny and assault, Messrs. J. R. McConnell and A. K. Browne, counsel for defense in the case of John Frawner, charged with the murder of Thomas A. Kennand, stated that they were ready to proceed in that case.

This is the case of the shooting of Thomas A. Kennand, who was in July last shot by Frawner as he was coming out of a house, near the corner of Ninth and I streets northwest, with the latter's wife.

Frawner was then brought from jail, and the clerk, placing a list of names in a hat, proceeded to empannel a jury, when the following jurors were drawn: Thomas Dowling, Thomas Alexander, H. Bohrer, challenged by defense; Joseph H. Hilton, had formed and expressed an opinion; Jas. S. Topham, accepted; Albert Parker, accepted; John F. Dyer, witness for defense, and had formed an opinion; Thomas Kinsley, accepted; James Thompson, accepted; Andrew J. Joyce, had formed and expressed an opinion; Henry Ingle, challenged by defense; John D. McGill, challenged by the government; Joseph T. Lewis, conscientious scruples against capital punishment; Edgar F. Edwards, had expressed an opinion; George Donaldson, had formed an opinion; John A. Selby, accepted; James M. Thompson, challenged by defense; Richard W. Morgan, challenged by defense; Walker Lewis, accepted; Artaxerxes F. Offitt, accepted; Noble D. Larner, had formed and expressed an opinion; Robert W. Hunter, had conscientious scruples; Michael Talty, had formed an opinion; Charles Sioussa, conscientious scruples; Warren Dent, challenged by defense; Byron A. Kidder, challenged by defense.

The Court then instructed the clerk to prepare a list of twenty names, from which to draw jurors enough to complete the twelve at 10 o'clock today.

UNITED ORDER OF CHALDEANS.

Arrangements for their Coming Celebration.

The National Grand Encampment of the National Grand United Order of Chaldeans met yesterday in this city at Chaldean hall, on Seventh street, near I northwest. There were about one hundred members present from various parts of the country.

P. H. Carson, of Washington, grand encampment master, presided. The other officers are: John H. Chew, of Baltimore, deputy grand encampment master; Joseph Sims, of Baltimore, national grand secretary; D. D. Lomax, of Frederick, Maryland, corresponding secretary; Dr. Charles Stanley, of Philadelphia, inside sentinel; Rasbury Jenifer, of Virginia, outside sentinel; Richard Addison, of Washington, chaplain.

The encampment continued in session from 9 o'clock in the morning until 8 o'clock in the evening, with a few short intermissions, and adjourned until 9 o'clock this morning.

To-day the representatives from the different encampments of the country will be formally received.

To-morrow will be the occasion of their first anniversary, which will be appropriately celebrated by a procession and levee. The grand lodges of the States of Maryland and Virginia will be present with their subordinate lodges. The procession will be formed on Massachusetts avenue, with the right resting on Fifth street, at 1 o'clock p. m., and move off at 2 o'clock, and march through some of the principal streets of Washington and Georgetown, and finally to the Armory hall, where the levee will be held.

J. F. Clark will be chief marshal, with F. Broden, R. Buckner and F. Lyons as aids. Addresses will be delivered by Prof. John M. Langston, Dr. James L. N. Stevens and Prof. A. M. Green, of this city, and Dr. John Brown, of Philadelphia.

The Pennsylvania Coal Trade.

Present appearances indicate a disintegration and breaking up in the near future of the oppressive coal monopoly of Pennsylvania. Notwithstanding the prolonged strike in the Mahanoy region during the summer, which it was supposed would greatly lessen the production of the season, the figures show that the total production and receipts at Philadelphia and New York for one week those of last year. While anthracite is 200,000 tons short, bituminous is over more than sufficient to compensate for this and leave an excess of 50,000 tons. Of the total movement of coal of all kinds the Philadelphia *Ledger* says: "For the week ending on the 6th inst. the anthracite coal tonnage amounted to 476,854 tons, and for the year to 17,456,826 tons, against 17,614,483 tons to corresponding date last year, a decrease of 177,657 tons. The bituminous tonnage for the week was 81,346 tons, and for the year, 3,366,395 tons, making a total of all kinds for the week of 560,110 tons, and for the year 20,803,221 tons, against 20,750,986 to corresponding date last year, an increase of 52,235 tons." The coal combination is now straining every nerve to keep up prices. The hours of labor are being somewhat reduced to prevent the augmentation of supplies, and the most rigid measures are being adopted by the Coal Exchange to prevent members from underselling the established rates. The continued depression of iron interests and the mild weather all tend to lessen the demand, and there is great trepidation lest the necessity to realize forces them to give way. It is most devoutly to be hoped that the monopoly will be obliged to succumb, and that the consumers may once more indulge in a season of cheap fuel.

Real Estate Sales.

B. H. Warner, real estate broker and auctioneer, has sold at public auction, for Rudolph Johnson, lot 55, in square 180, fronting on Q street, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets, improved by a two-story brick dwelling, to George Lackey, at $2,975, subject to special improvements. For Wm. E. Howard, trustee, lot A, subdivision of square 423, fronting twenty feet on H by a depth of eighty-five feet on Eighth street northwest, improved by a two-story brick carpenter shop, to Lester Bartlett, at $2,700, subject to all general taxes and special tax on both streets. For Wm. A. Gordon, jr., trustee, sub-lot 60, square 207, on Fourteenth street, between R and S streets, improved by a two-story brick dwelling, to Albert Gleason, at $2,050. For James M. Johnson, trustee, part of lot 14, square 15, on the southwest corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Twenty-fifth street, to B. F. Lloyd, at sixty cents per square foot. For J. S. Edwards, trustee, part of tract called "Chickester," in county, sixty-five and one half acres, at $5,000. A house and lot on Monroe street, at Uniontown, D. C., at $1,250, to R. H. T. Leipold, et al., and a lot 250 by 115½ feet on same street, improved by a two-story house, to J. E. Herrill, at $1,050.

Important.

We deem it important to taxpayers to know that they can now obtain a large discount on their special improvement tax bills, by paying through

Children

and boys' Ulster overcoats.

EISEMAN BROS., Corner Seventh and E streets.

AMUSEMENTS.

The National Theatre—John E. Owens as John Unit.

The comedy of "Self" is of a most wholesome character. It is full of smiles and tears, and appeals to the good sense of all listeners, and leaves upon the mind a most pleasant impression. It is not a one-part play, made up wholly and solely for the exhibition of the qualities of a "star," but each one of the *dramatis personæ*, and there are seventeen of them in the cast, have something to do. All are given opportunities for effective acting, and last night the drama was made particularly pleasant by an excellent distribution of the characters. The Mrs. Cordurroy Coburn of Mrs. Germon can hardly be excelled. This familiar artist in old women's parts is held in affection as the mother now of the Washington stage, and is always as welcome as she is good. A member of Mr. Ford's company, Miss Rose Osborne, as Mrs. Apex, made her first appearance in Washington, and was greatly liked. Her thoroughness and ease in stage business and discipline, the fine style of her exits, her correct and effective readings and excellent taste in dress, all combined in winning the good opinion of her audience. The occasion was also interesting from the fact that a well-known and respected lady of this city, Miss Minette Thompson, made her *debut* as Mary Apex. The only fault found with her was in the weakness of her voice, a fault easily enough remedied. On the other hand, she received united praise as an actress. Her action was beautiful, natural, easy, graceful and instinct with the true life of the character she assumed. It was the verdict of her audience that she has wisely chosen her profession, and that the foundations of friends and fame are laid in her favor. Mr. Owens was disagreeably good and intolerably faithful in the delineation of an impertinent character. Mr. Harry Pearson as Mr. Apex won new and more decided praise than has been accorded to him this season. His part was handsomely rounded out; and credit is due to Mr. Weber, Mr. Walters and Mr. Kingsley. To-night Mr. Owens repeats the play. Wednesday and Thursday, "Victims" and "Solon Shingle."

A SERENADE.

Proposed Demonstration in Honor of the Forty-Fourth Congress.

For the past three months the Labor Leagues of the District have been making preparations for a grand demonstration in honor of the assembling of the Forty-Fourth Congress. It was at first determined to confine the demonstration to the Labor Leagues alone, but as the matter progressed it was found necessary to enlarge the programme so as to make the reception of general interest. At a meeting of the delegates of the Labor Leagues held at their headquarters, 490 Louisiana avenue, last evening, there being also present the representatives of fifteen outside organizations, it was resolved to extend an invitation to all the societies and the citizens in general of the entire District to take part in the demonstration. This was done by a unanimous vote, and committees appointed to wait on the officers of the different organizations for that purpose.

The programme, as at present arranged, will meet all requirements, it is as follows: The Labor Leagues and the other different organizations and the citizens will assemble at their different headquarters on the night of the demonstration, and, headed by their bands, proceed in military figure. Here the procession will form; thence march through the principal streets and avenues of the city. The entire demonstration will be a torch-light affair, and strengthened by the presence of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives, whoever he may be, and, through that officer, tender welcome to the members of the Forty-Fourth Congress. During the march the scene will be enlivened by a general display of skyrockets, Roman candles &c.

By a vote of the meeting the following committee, composed of six white and six colored workingmen, was appointed to wait on the different newspapers of the city to ask the co-operation of the press in this demonstration: George W. Stewart, John McNamara, Matthew McNamara, Chas. Curtin, W. Washington, Wm. Bruce, Wm. Jones, Henry Matthews, Stirling Hester, Joshua King, and H. C. Wilkinson.

An adjourned meeting to report progress will meet at the same place next Thursday evening.

EPISCOPAL.

The Convocation of Washington.

Old Christ church was filled last night with a very large and interested congregation, it being the first of the series of special services held under the auspices of the Convocation of Washington, which body holds its semi-annual meeting so morrow morning at St. John's church, at 10. The services last evening were remarkably interesting, the more so on account of the fitness of the place, the old church being the venerable mother of the churches of the city. The music was led by the excellent choir of the church, and the hymns were sung with a spirit that manifested how deeply it was appreciated by the worshipers in sanctuary. The addresses by the Rev. Dr. Lewis, the Rev. Mr. Avirett and the Hon. Montgomery Blair were spirited, and engaged the undivided attention of the audience throughout, leaving a marked impression and doubtless doing much good. The work of the Episcopal Church in the District is quietly growing and extending in all quarters of the city, and the Convocation of Washington, headed by the Dean, the Rev. Dr. Lewis, of Port Tobacco, is doing a deal towards the success of that work, and from the large offering of money made last evening in old Christ church it is manifest that the Episcopal Church does not consist in words alone, but in practical deeds of self-sacrifice. This evening the second of the special services will be held at the Church of the Incarnation, Georgetown, at 7:30 o'clock. To-morrow morning, at 7:30 o'clock. Addresses may be expected by several of the clergy, and there will doubtless be a large attendance to-morrow at St. John's church. At the morning service the Rev. Dr. Addison will preach the convocation sermon.

THE CAPITOL PARK.

Work of Mr. Fred. Law Olmstead.

Fred. Law Olmstead, esq., landscape artist, has submitted his annual report to the Secretary of the Interior, through Mr. Edward Clarke, architect of the Capitol, relative to the improvement of the Capitol grounds. The report shows that one hundred and fifty-seven trees have been transplanted, and are doing well. The old pool near the east portico has been vaulted over, and the statue of Washington removed. The parapet wall with seat, "Mosaic walk," and sixteen bronze gas posts bounding the east court, the six large piers with bronze lamps forming the grand central entrance to the court, the flower vases and bronze fountain vases, and all other work on the east or outer curb of the east grounds, are completed or well advanced under contracts for early completion during the present season. The main pipe for the service of fountains, and the hydraulic apparatus for lighting the lamps of the carriage court, and the ornamental shelters at the termini of the car tracks are in course of construction. The whole of the east and south front of the grounds have been provided with an elaborate and complete system of road and subsoil drainage, gas lighting and water supply.

The east grounds have been provided with a fertile soil one foot in depth, with a friable and partially fertilized subsoil to a depth of 2½ feet. A considerable part of the west grounds has been graded and shaped, preparatory to treating it in the same manner during the season. The roads and walks of the east grounds and the carriage court have been formed and graveled, and the approach drives through the west grounds formed and partially macadamized.

The north and south porte cocheres have been paved with Neuchatel asphalt, and a contract entered into to concrete the north and south foot approaches. The terraces at the north and south sides of the west grounds has been removed and relaid clear of the Capitol grounds.

The stables and workshops, formerly situated at the north, west and south angles of the west grounds, have been removed.

The Concert To-Night.

"Wilt thou have music? hark! Apollo plays,
And twenty caged nightingales do sing."

The concert to be given at Lincoln hall to-night, under the auspices of the Analostan Boat Club, promises to be the musical event of the season. The number of seats already taken shows that those who do not secure seats early this morning will be left out in the cold. The programme published in THE REPUBLICAN yesterday embraces such an array of talent in the musical line as few cities in the country can boast of, and those fortunate enough to get seats will enjoy a rare musical treat. The *elite* of this city and of Baltimore are to turn out *en masse*, and give the Analostan boys and those assisting them the encouragement they well deserve, and undoubtedly upon this occasion it will be shown, by one of the largest and most fashionable audiences that ever assembled in Lincoln hall, that our home talent is recognized and is appreciated. Go early if you wish seats.

Can it be Remedied.

To the Editor of the National Republican:

SIR: There is a large pond of stagnant water at the corner of Second and G streets northwest, which the Board of Health some weeks ago recommended to the District Commissioners to be filled up, as injurious to the health of the residents of the neighborhood, and especially dangerous to the children, who are likely to be drowned in it. The Commissioners have done nothing toward abating the nuisance, and it is likely to cost the District something, as one of the residents has instituted suit against the city for damages from the water coming into the basement of her house. This square has been sadly neglected by the Commissioners in every way. There are no sidewalks on it, and not a shovelful of dirt has ever been disturbed by any improvements. A SUFFERER.

Union Meetings.

Those interested in religious matters will not forget that the Union meetings this week are to be at the Calvary Baptist church, commencing this evening at 7:15 o'clock. As some have complained that there has been too much preaching, and no opportunity for lay effort at these meetings, it has been decided to have no sermon to-night, but to throw the meeting open for remarks and prayers by either clergymen or laymen. Members of the Y. M. C. A. are expected to be present and participate, and spirited singing will be a prominent feature. The interest in these meetings seems to be on the increase, and, although there have not been many conversions as yet, pastors whose churches have united in these services testify that they have been greatly revived and stirred up to renewed diligence by meetings so far.

The Smallpox.

A little daughter of Mr. Watts, residing at No. 1027 Twelfth street northwest, who arrived in this city from Cincinnati about three weeks ago, was attacked last week with the smallpox. Steps were taken immediately by the Board of Health to remove the child to the hospital and isolate the house. Since then three additional members of the family—Mrs. Watts and both her boys, aged six years and ten months respectively—were seized with the disease, and were at once removed to the hospital. As every precaution has been taken to thoroughly quarantine the house, no danger is apprehended.

A Monitor to go to Sea.

All the available force in the department of steam engineering at the Washington navy yard was set to work yesterday to put the machinery of the monitor Catskill in order. The vessel will be hauled into the wharf to-day from her position in the stream, and will be got ready as quick as possible for sea, and will proceed from here to Norfolk, where she will be docked for the purpose of having her hull inspected.

THE COURTS.

Supreme Court of the United States.

MONDAY, Nov. 15, 1875.

No. 26. The Steamboat Eliza Hancock, appellant, vs. Thos. S. Lamont. Appeal from the Circuit Court of the United States for the Southern district of Georgia. Mr. Chief Justice Waite announced the decision of the court, affirming the decree of the said Circuit Court in the cause, with costs.

No. 40. Henry Kruner and H. S. Moore, appellants, vs. Le Roy P. Walker, et al. Appeal from the District Court of the United States for the Northern district of Alabama. Mr. Chief Justice Waite announced the decision of the court, affirming the decree of the said District Court in this cause, with costs.

No. 602. John C. Hale, appellant, vs. The United States.

No. 772. Wm. H. Gaines and wife et al., appellants, vs. The United States. Mr. Chief Justice Waite announced the orders of the court, granting the motions to advance these causes, and assigning them for argument on the 11th of January next.

No. 513. The United States, plaintiffs, vs. John W. Norton. The motion to advance this cause was submitted by Mr. ex-Assistant Attorney General Smith.

No. 446. Fred. C. Davis et al., plaintiffs in error, vs. State of Iniana, represented by the board of commissioners of Bartholomew county. The motion to dismiss the cause was submitted on printed arguments by Mr. Wm. Pitt Fessenden, in support of the same, and by Mr. Ralph Hill in opposition thereto.

No. 647. Fapon D. Altherton et al., executors plaintiffs in error, vs. Welcome Fowler et al. No. 648. Fapon Altherton et al., executors, plaintiffs in error, vs. Welcome Fowler et al. The motions to dismiss these causes were submitted on printed arguments by Mr. M. A. Newton, in support of the same, and by Mr. M. Blair in opposition thereto.

No. 605. Daniel Hand, plaintiff in error, vs. Thomas C. Durant, Comptroller General of the State of South Carolina. The motion to dismiss this cause was submitted on printed arguments by Mr. D. T. Corbin, in support of the same, and by Mr. P. Phillips in opposition thereto.

No. 653. The Commissioners of Emigration, appellants, vs. The North German Lloyd. This cause was submitted on printed arguments by Messrs. S. R. & C. L. Walker, of counsel for the appellants, and by Mr. W. S. Benedict and John P. Honor, for the appellees, under the twentieth rule.

No. 728. Hembolt Township, plaintiff in error, vs. Conrad Long et al. This cause was submitted on printed arguments by Mr. Wilson Schannon, of counsel for the plaintiff in error, and by Mr. G. O. Clemmens for the defendants in error, under the twentieth rule.

No. 44. The Phillips & Colby Construction Company, plaintiffs in error, vs. Mark T. Seymour et al. The argument of this cause was continued by Mr. H. K. Wilson and Mr. J. S. Black, of counsel for the defendants in error, and concluded by E. H. Abbott for the plaintiff in error.

Circuit Court—Chief Justice Carter.

Hoff vs. Stewart. Verdict for plaintiff in $435, with interest from June 13.

Howe Machine Company vs. Hill & Goldstein. Judgment by default and inquisition.

Dunne vs. Dunne. Decree pro.

Berger vs. Hickster et al. Not concluded.

Equity Court—Judge Wylie.

Boston vs. Boston. Decree for conveyance.

Rider vs. Morsell. Restraining order, returnable December 7.

In re. John T. Grimes. Order of publication.

Fickinson vs. Sayers. Rule to show cause.

In re. estate of Felson. Decree of sale amended.

Dowling vs. Boucher. Order vacating *pro confesso.*

McIntosh vs. McIntosh. Dismissal of bill, cross bill and supplemental bill.

Anderson vs. Ashley. Order ratifying auditor's report.

Criminal Court—Judge MacArthur.

Charles Chase, indicted upon a charge of larceny. Not guilty; to be tried hereafter.

Charles Bogue, assault with intent to kill Thomas Downs with a brick, in August last. Mr. England for defense. Verdict of guilty of aggravated assault, and defendant was sentenced to jail for three months, he having already served over three months in jail.

Wm. Morton, burglary and larceny. Verdict guilty of larceny. Defendant was sentenced to penitentiary for three years at hard labor.

John Frawner, murder of Thomas A. Kennard. Trial commenced. (Reported in full in another column.)

THE MONUMENT.

Congress Must Make an Appropriation for it

To the Editor of the National Republican:

SIR: I am always gratified to read in your paper an article on the "Washington Monument." The articles have always seemed to publish any communication on that subject—so especially interesting to the citizens of Washington—entitles you to their praise and gratitude. The "association" having the matter in charge—having for so long a time been remarkable for its masterly inactivity—seem at last to have awakened to the only feasible plan of completing the monument—*i. e.*, through the assistance of Congress. Many fruitless attempts have been made from time to time and in different ways to induce the people generally to contribute a sufficient amount to carry out this great and worthy object. It has been contended that the monument must be completed by voluntary contributions of the people at large. Very well. But if Congress should appropriate the sum necessary for its completion will it not amount to about the same thing? It will be the people's money, voted by their Representatives. The writer believes that such a proposition would be immediately unanimously. Few men in Congress would be willing to rest under the stigma "of want of patriotism," as a negative vote would imply. At the same time that the money is an appropriation it would be taken out of the whole matter into its own hands, and appoint such (efficient) aids—say Government engineers—as will go ahead and complete the work. Why should doubts be held that Congress will consider itself unauthorized to take up the matter because it commenced as an outside affair? The records of Congress will show that it was the intention of the Government to erect a monument to George Washington, if it have Greenough's statue. To be sure, but one has to go to the Capitol grounds to see that, and an atonement is due for the abortion at the West End circle, called by a sailor the horse-car, scolding under-cocked hat, mane and tail. The monument, when completed, can be seen from all points of the city, and for many miles off, as one is approaching it. Finally, Mr. Editor, Congress must complete the monument, and, if possible, it should be done before the Centennial advent is a thing of the past.

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The Poe Monument.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 15.—The following is the programme of exercises which will take place at the dedication of the Poe monument, at the Western Female High school, Wednesday, November 17, at 3 p. m.: Music. "Pilgrim's Chorus," from "Tannhaeuser." Verdi. Historical Sketch, by Prof. Wm. Elliott, jr.; Reading of letters from poets, in reply to invitations to be present, by Miss Sara S. Hess; music, "He Watching Over Israel," from "Elijah." Mendelssohn. Address, "The Literary Character of Edgar Allan Poe," by Prof. H. E. Shepherd; reading of a poem, by W. F. Gill, esq., of Boston; music, "Inflammatus," from "Stabat Mater." Rossini. Solo, by Miss Ella Gordon; "Personal Reminiscences of Poe," by J. H. B. Latrobe, esq.; dirge at the grave, composed by Mrs. Eleanor Fullerton.

The music will be a complimentary offering by the Philharmonic Society of Baltimore.

The remains of Poe have been removed from their late resting-place to another spot in the churchyard, (Westminster,) where the monument can be seen by all passing on Fayette street. They lie by the side of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Clemm, who before her death expressed a desire to be buried near her "darling Edgar."

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